

THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, 12 DEC., 1907.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

Crowded Out Last Week—We Apologize to Our Correspondents—Hope It Will Not Occur Again.

THOMPSON.

Ernest Horan of Moberly was down calling on friends the last of the week.

Fay Wilson, the Wabash night operator, has been transferred to O'Fallon.

Thompson property is valuable. Land has been selling here with no improvements for over \$2,000 per acre.

W. E. McDonald and family returned to Centralia Sunday.

G. W. Wisdom and wife were guests of relatives in Centralia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilmore spent Sunday with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Elliott.

Rufus Underwood has bought the vacant lot from the La Crosse Lumber Co. This is the place where the store building of G. E. Sims burned. Mr. Underwood paid \$550 for the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris are entertaining a new girl baby.

Mrs. Mike Lyons and sister, Miss Julia, were here from St. Louis attending the Thomas-O'Callaghan wedding.

Mr. M. Thomas of Camden, Mo., was here on business.

La Crosse Lumber Co. of Centralia have bought several thousand ft. of oak lumber of Gant and Considine.

R. L. Davis is quite sick and is confined to his room. We hope to see Robert up in a few days.

Miss Virginia Davis and Mr. Edward Mayes were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Davis, Sunday eve, Dec. 1, at 5 o'clock, by Rev. Paul E. Wright of Columbia, who spoke the words that made them man and wife. They will reside on a farm southwest of Thompson. Mr. Mayes is the son of Drury Mayes. He has made Audrain county his home since birth, is a steady young man, a gentleman in every respect. The bride is well and favorably known and has a host of friends in and near here. Light refreshments were served after which they attended church at Salt River, and went to the home of the groom.

Mr. Russell K. Thomas of Dwight Ill., was united in marriage to Miss Julia O'Callaghan of this place last Wednesday evening, Nov. 27, '07, at 6:30 at the home of the bride's mother, Father J. J. Dillon performing the ceremony. The attendants were Dennis O'Callaghan of Battle Creek, Mich., brother of the bride, and Miss Nonie Sullivan of Springfield, Ill., Mr. M. Thomas of Camden, Mo., brother of the groom, and Miss Hannah Duggan of Kansas City. The groom was formerly operator of the Wabash here, but now has a position with the C. & A. R. R. at Dwight, Ills. He is a steady, industrious gentleman in every respect. The bride the writer has known for years. We like her for what she really is. She was our friend and we regret her departure. She was worth considerable to Thompson, having lived here from childhood. Quite a nice supper was served to about 90 guests. Those present will long remember the pleasant and enjoyable time we spent together that night. The happy couple left immediately after supper over the C. & A. to their future home in Dwight, where they will go to housekeeping. May joy and prosperity go with them in the wish of their many friends.

LIBERTY.

Everybody soon be thru gathering corn.

Roy and Jerome Staples were the guests of Willie Foster.

Joe Pates gave a dance to their many friends last Friday night.

Brother Palmer will preach at Union Chapel next Saturday and

Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Green died at her home south of Mexico Nov. 30, after a long illness. 'Tis hard to give our loved ones up, who have been so true and kind.

Fletcher Sims has returned home from Colorado.

Mrs. Williams of Mexico spent last week with Mrs. C. M. Foster. John Thomas Watts' boys are thru gathering corn.

Little Idalee Freeman was on the sick list.

Lewis Crum is helping Lilburn Dudley gather corn.

John Kesler and family and Frank Armstrong spent Thanksgiving with Mr. John Lockridge.

Mrs. Eliza Staples and daughter, Alva, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Joe Wianatt.

Chas. Duffins and family spent Thursday with Mrs. Muir.

Roy Staples and Alice and Maude Foster were the guests of Mrs. Muir.

BEREA.

Those who were able to hear the recitations, etc., at the Thanksgiving entertainment at Shady Dell pronounce it good indeed, but unfortunately there were many who could not obtain entrance on account of the crowded condition of the room.

J. Roberts of Oklahoma City is the guest of his brother, R. M. Roberts.

Miss Waincott of Madison is the guest of her sister, Miss Zada Waincott.

George Smiley and family of Rowena were guests of Mrs. D. P. Arnold.

Mrs. W. D. Wood and son, Duncan, of Calwood spent Thanksgiving with Dr. Duncan and wife.

A number of the farmers in this vicinity were made happy last week by a visit from a wood saw.

Taylor Roberts and wife and son Bernard, were the recent guests of relatives here.

Lee Henry lost a valuable mare last week.

Mrs. Henry Hurd was the recent guest of friends here. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Wm Asbury.

We wish to correct two errors which occurred in our last week's items. 1. More than \$18 was added to the library fund at Berea instead of \$20. 2. R. L. Heizer paid 11 1/2¢ for turkeys, not 12 1/2¢.

LADDONIA.

Died on the 26th of November in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Capt. John W. Hendrick, of heart disease. He was born and raised in Bowling Green and went to Louisiana about two years ago, thinking the winters there would be beneficial to his and also his wife's health. The remains were brought to Bowling Green and buried in the cemetery there. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hughes of Maple Grove, Ill., in the Presbyterian church. He leaves a wife and one child, a son about 21 years of age. He and his family—his wife was formerly Miss Lizzie Emerson—were highly respected and Mrs. Hendrick and son have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. The family have formerly attended the Universalist church here and made many friends during those visits.

The annual supper of the I.O.O.F. will be given next Saturday night, and, if we judge the future by the past, it will consist of the best eatables the country affords. The Odd fellows never do anything by halves.

Miss Glenn Lowellen united with the Presbyterian church last Sunday after the sermon preached by Rev. Byrns.

Married on the evening of Thanksgiving, Miss Myrtle Weatherford and Mr. A. W. Brown, Rev. J. D. Greer officiating. Miss Mable Weatherford and C. A. Brown, sister and brother of the bride and groom, were their "best lady and best man." After the impressive ceremony the happy couple with their guests repaired to the dining room and partook of a delicious supper. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will reside on a farm near Farber, May

their future be pleasant and happy.

Those who are shipping corn say the quality far surpasses that of last year, in fact it is first class. It is selling from 38 cts. to 40 cts.

Edgar Shobe shipped a car of cattle to Chicago Monday and C. Stevens shipped a car of cattle to St. Louis Monday night. Shobe, Wilder & Pearson are shipping corn to St. Louis. Several car loads went out Tuesday.

The ladies of the M. E. Church are painting and papering the parsonage. Oh what would a church do without the ladies! and yet there are times when they are asked to be mum and they just must be mum.

MRS. E. F. KUNKEL.

In Her Death an Excellent Woman is Called from Our Midst.

The funeral of Mrs. E. F. Kunkel, whose death we announced last week, was held at the Methodist church Friday afternoon. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in the city. The floral tokens were many—one from the postoffice employees, the husband being assistant postmaster; one from the M. W. A. Camp, another from her Sunday school class, one from the Epworth League, The Home Missionary Society, and one from her five brothers in the West.

Her last words were to her mother. She said, "Mother, why don't you lie down and take a little rest?" "I will darling, when you get to sleep," and she turned her face and breathed her last.

Her pastor, Rev. C. M. Aker, in his funeral address paid her the following tribute:

Julia E. Corner, daughter of W. L. and L. J. Corner, was born near Mexico, Mo., Apr. 14, 1874; died at her home in Mexico Dec. 4, 1907, aged 33 yrs., 7 mo's., 20 days.

She was the only daughter and the youngest child of a family of six children who grew to maturity. Her five brothers, Myron A., Edwin, W., Loring V., John F., and Geo. L. Corner, who grew to manhood in this community, now make their home in the far west and thus were unable to be with their sister in her last illness or be present at her decease and deeply regret that they could only contribute a wreath of loving sympathy and remembrance for her burial.

Miss Corner was married to Mr. E. F. Kunkel of Mexico Aug. 7, 1899. To this union two sons were born, Frank Logan and Felton B., who survive her. For eight years she was a devoted wife and mother, discharging her duties to her family and home faithfully and well.

She united with the M. E. church at Mexico under the ministry of Rev. O. S. Middleton in 1891. Was for several years an active and consecrated member of that church, being most of the time a S. S. teacher and connected with all the working organizations of the church. When her church was destroyed a few years ago by fire, she put her membership in with the Promenade Street Methodist Church and showed that same interest and devotion to it as she had shown to her former church.

She was thoroughly conscientious. Could not compromise with wrong, and though she had to stand alone for the right, she never hesitated nor wavered. She had convictions and was not afraid to express them. She never abandoned those convictions for mere policy's sake.

Those who knew her always knew where to find her, and she was always on the right side of every moral issue that came up. About a month ago only a few days before she took her bed she was met by some W. C. T. U. workers, of which organization she was an honored member, and was asked by a friend why she belonged to that society, remarked that she wanted to throw what influence she had on the side of temperance, for the sake of the three boys that were growing up in her home and for the sake of other mothers' sons who stood in danger of losing both

body and soul through the liquor traffic.

She not only had strong convictions, but she was open minded. Ready to receive light and suggestion from others. She desired to know the truth. She allowed no preconceived notions or prejudices to close her eyes to good in others. She possessed in a preeminent degree that primary qualification of a true disciple of Christ and that is teachableness. When she saw her own church home laid in ashes she did not withhold her name and her efforts from the visible organization of Christ's church because it was not the one she had united with in her girlhood, but gladly gave her support and her best endeavor to another church which was nearest her faith. Her zeal knew no abatement, her consecration to her Lord was entire.

The deceased was also a woman of great faith. Although she was aware for days before the end came that it was not long until she would be called to try the realities of an unknown world she was serene and selfpossessed and faced death without a single fear or misgiving. She had that unfeigned faith of which St. Paul speaks in his letter to Timothy as dwelling first in his grandmother Lois and then in his mother Eunice. I never witnessed a more triumphant faith in that dark hour than was manifested in the case of Sister Kunkel. She expressed two regrets, one was that some of the friends she had loved and known had not availed themselves of the opportunity of salvation, and the other was the leaving her children motherless to make their way up through tender critical years to manhood. But as for Death she did not dread it: Said she did not desire her friends to make her funeral service so doleful and mournful, as was too often the custom, but the songs and service should be hearty and natural. She looked forward with great expectancy and gladness of meeting her friends and loved ones gone before and called them each by name some days before she died. She loved to have the Bible read to her and she drank in the exceeding great and precious promises with a childlike faith and simplicity. I had the opportunity of reading several portions of Scripture to her and when I would ask her if there was any special portions she would like to have read she would say, "No, it is all good."

Sister Kunkel died well for she died as she had lived. The night of her death, we feel, became the morning of her glad coronation day.

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John West, aged 73 years, a brother of Wm. West of this city, died of paralysis in St. Louis a few days ago.

Mr. H. Nichols and Miss Allice Stuard, both of this county, were married a few days ago. Dr. J. B. Hawkins officiating.

H. E. Bowen has sold his farm near Farber to George Stevens of Hercher, Ill. Mr. Bowen will move to New Mexico.

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